

## CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

We welcome you to join us as we **live stream** worship for the next few weeks. The service will be available through our website at [chalmerslondon.com](http://chalmerslondon.com). The live stream video link is found on the home page. We encourage you to let us know you have joined us by filling in the short response form.

### AT A GLANCE: APRIL 5—12

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| <b>SUNDAY</b>  | Online Worship | 10:00am |
| <b>TUESDAY</b> | Care & Share   | 12:30pm |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>  | Online Worship | 10:00am |

### OFFICE HOURS:

**NOTE:** The Chalmers Church office is closed until such a time as meeting restrictions are lifted. Rev. John and Wendy Sibley are working from home. Please email [chalmerspclondon@gmail.com](mailto:chalmerspclondon@gmail.com) with any questions or needs. Rev. John can be reached at his home phone (519) 681-9876 or cell phone (226) 919-9180. Regular updates will be posted on the home page of our website, [www.chalmerslondon.com](http://www.chalmerslondon.com). You may also find up to date information on the **Chalmers Presbyterian Church Ministries Group** Facebook page.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

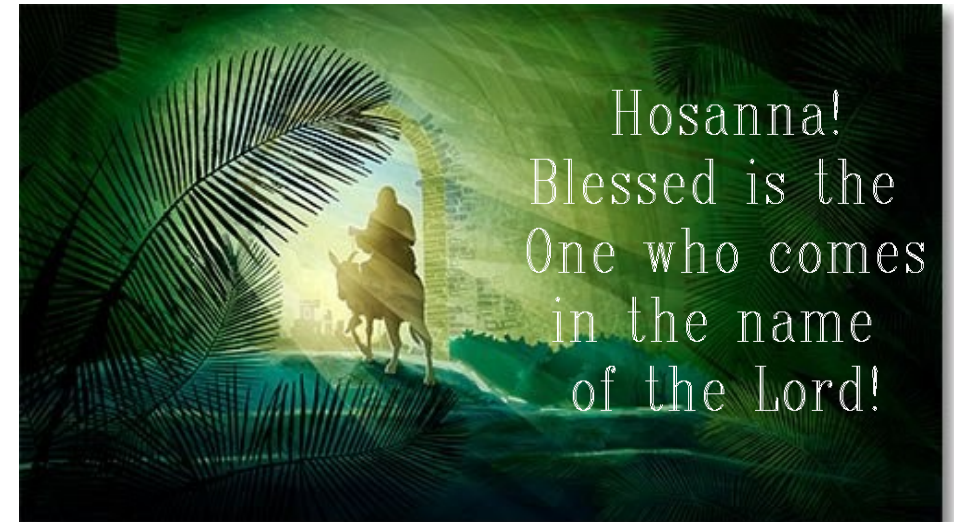
- \* Biblical Storytelling Workshop - Apr 25, 9:30 am

# Chalmers Presbyterian Church

## Worship Celebration

**April 5, 2020—Palm Sunday**

(Recorded April 4 at the Church Manse)



### Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers  
Clerk of Session  
Music Director  
Office Administrator  
Caretaker  
Pastor

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## WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Beth Hickey

Call to Worship

One: God calls the servant-Christ to sustain the weary:

**Many: the ones in exile, the ones in despair, the ones who are afraid.**

One: Jesus enters the city in humility:

**Many: lauded by the crowds: "Hosanna! Save us!"**

**questioned by the powers that be, betrayed and denied by his friends.**

One: We watch with unease and bewilderment,

**Many: complicit with the fickle crowd, misunderstanding true power, frightened and looking to our own interests.**

One: Lord, have mercy

**Many: Christ, have mercy**

One: Lord, have mercy

Prayer: **Creator God, we give thanks to you for you are good, your steadfast love endures forever. We seek courage for the living of these days. Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus, so that we may give ourselves in love and humility to further your purpose of life for the world. So may all people come to know the height and depth of your redeeming love; through Jesus Christ our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.**

Praise: *Hosanna, loud hosanna* (Lyrics on page 3) 218

Celebrating with the Children

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: Psalm 130

One: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

**All: Lord, hear my voice!**

One: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

**All: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

One: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in the Lord's word I hope;

**All: my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.**

One: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, with the Lord is great power to redeem.

**All: It is the Lord who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

One: The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Sermon: ***Hosanna!***

Special Praise

Bob Finlay

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of our Gifts: *We give thee but thine own* (Lyrics on p. 3) 661 (v.1)

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Praise: *The love of God comes close* (Lyrics on p. 3) 474

The Blessing

Musical Postlude

Beth Hickey



## **Hosanna, loud hosanna**

Jenette Threlfall

Hosanna, loud hosanna  
the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple  
the joyful anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had held them close,  
folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises  
the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed  
amid the shouting crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving  
and chanting clear and loud;  
Messiah, God's anointed  
rode there in humble state,  
"Hosanna, in the highest!"  
rang out their praises great.

"Hosanna in the highest!"  
that ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer,  
the Lord of heaven our King.  
Oh may we ever praise him  
with heart and life and voice,  
and in God's joyful presence  
Eternally rejoice.

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## **We give thee but thine own**

James Montgomery, Richard Redhead

We give thee but thine own  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from thee.

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## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom,  
and the power and the glory,  
forever.  
Amen

## **The love of God comes close**

John Bell

The love of God comes close  
Where stands an open door,  
To let the stranger in,  
To mingle rich and poor.  
The love of God is here to stay  
Embracing those who walk the way;  
The love of God is here to stay.

The peace of God comes close  
To those caught in the storm,  
Forgoing lives of ease  
To ease the lives forlorn.  
The peace of God is here to stay  
Embracing those who walk the Way;  
The peace of God is here to stay.

The joy of God comes close  
Where faith encounters fears,  
Where heights and depths of life  
Are found through smiles and tears.  
The joy of God is here to stay  
Embracing those who walk the Way;  
The joy of God it here to stay.

The grace of God comes close  
To those whose grace is spent,  
When hearts are tired or sore  
And hope is bruised and bent.  
The grace of God is here to stay  
Embracing those who walk the Way;  
The grace of God is here to stay.

The Son of God comes close  
Where people praise his name,  
Where bread and wine are blest  
And shared, as when he came.  
The Son of God is here to stay  
Embracing those who walk the Way;  
The Son of God is here to stay.

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## Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For strength and healing for **Betty and Dennis Smedley** as Betty recovers from surgery and Dennis is in hospital with fluid in his lungs.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Jo-Ann Marshall** as she recovers at home from recent leg surgery. May God give her patience and a spirit of perseverance during her time of convalescence.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Ken Hall** as he recovers at home after enduring a fall late last year. May the Lord give strength to his wife, Shirley, as she cares for Ken.
- ◆ For God's protection, peace and grace to surround us as we walk through these trying times due to the COVID-19 virus.
- ◆ For God to inspire us to be generous in giving our time, talents and treasure for the ongoing work of the Lord in the world.
- ◆ For God's blessing for **Linda McPherson, Maureen Gaskin, Roy Young, and Ross Cole.**

**COVID-19 UPDATE:** All regular programming at Chalmers Presbyterian Church, save Care & Share has been suspended, and the church office is closed for the duration of the government restrictions on gatherings. Worship services in the church building are suspended, following recommendations from the Denomination - services will be live streamed through our website, [chalmerslondon.com](http://chalmerslondon.com).

**Good Friday Breakfast:** Due to the restrictions in place and in recognition of the uncertainty as to when these restrictions may be lifted, the Good Friday Breakfast will be cancelled for this year.



### April 5: World Health Day (April 7)

"We are reducing the death of moms and babies through education and support," said Mary Samuel, reflecting on the work of the PWS&D-supported Village Safe Motherhood Committee in her community. Part of PWS&D's maternal and child health project in Malawi, these committees are volunteer groups of women and men who educate their peers on sexual and reproductive health issues. From equipping men and women to combat sexually transmitted diseases to encouraging women to seek proper medical care and nutrition support throughout their pregnancies, the committees are helping whole communities safeguard their health. "Since the project started, there are fewer maternal deaths in our community!"

*PWS&D cares for mothers at risk*

### SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

#### April 5

"In the time one is given, the steward must make the most of the talents one is given by the Lord." *Gloria Macapagal Arroyo (1947 -), former President of the Philippines*

**SAVE THE DATE:** CE and Faith Development are still hoping to offer a Biblical Storytelling Workshop on **Saturday, April 25 from 9:30-noon.** Guest Presenter: Rev. Susan Wilson of St. Matthews on the Plains Anglican Church, Burlington. Susan, member of the Network of Biblical Storytellers of Canada. Come learn how to commit Bible stories to heart and bring them to life. No cost. Please sign up in the narthex.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Have a Little Faith – by Mitch Albom

Mitch Albom is of the Jewish faith, and out of the blue, quite unexpectedly, a Jewish rabbi friend askshim to 'do his eulogy'! This request shocks Mitch because he has not been faithful in his attendance at the Synagogue – and doesn't really feel like he knows Albert Lewis well enough to talk at his funeral, but after taking a few days to think things over he agrees ..... And thus starts a long friendship with regular visits by Mitch.

Henry Covington is a Christian pastor with a very controversial background. Henry grew up rough and carried on his 'in-and-out' of prison life until he finds his faith and changes his ways. Henry ministers in a church with a leaky roof and very little heating, but he ministers to people who really need to hear about a loving God, and who need a good hot meal each day.

This is a very interesting read and leaves you with a good feeling that there are definitely a lot of "good" people in this world. If you haven't read **Tuesdays With Morrie**, by Mitch Albom - maybe think about reading it before this book. They are not a series, but Mitch Albom refers to his earlier book in this newer one.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

**LENT BIBLE STUDY:** The Bible study has been postponed to a later date in an effort to comply with social distancing recommendations. We will be in touch with all registrants to inform you of the new dates.

**Contacting the Church:** Wendy is working from home for the next while and can be reached by email at [chalmerspclondon@gmail.com](mailto:chalmerspclondon@gmail.com) or at (519) 872-0003.

**ONLINE DONATIONS:** Thank you for your continued support of Chalmers Presbyterian Church during this time of physical distancing. Offerings may be mailed in to the church, or submitted online through [CanadaHelps.org](http://CanadaHelps.org). A link is provided on the home page of our website.

**NEW PROFESSING MEMBERS:** We look forward to welcoming new professing members during the spring. Please speak with Rev. John or with your elder if you would like to know more about becoming a professing member of the church.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY:** If you would like a copy of the church directory, please email the office at [chalmerspclondon@gmail.com](mailto:chalmerspclondon@gmail.com) and Wendy will provide one for you.

